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WE HAVE GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT ON WHEN TO TABLE US OPTION

III PROPOSAL IN THE NAC. WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT THE NAC WILL BE FULLY

OCCUPIED WITH SUMMIT PREPARATIONS INCLUDING A SUMMIT

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DECLARATION AND WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE TIME TO GIVE

CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE OPTION III PAPER. MOREOVER,
WE ARE CONCERNED THAT TABLING OF US OPTION III PROPOSAL
PRIOR TO NATO SUMMIT WOULD RESULT IN EXTENSIVE SUMMIT
DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT THUS OVER-BURDENING ALREADY FULL
AGENDA. ACCORDINGLY, WE CONCLUDE THAT OPTION III SHOULD
NOT BE TABLED IN THE NAC UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT. YOU
SHOULD INFORM FRG AND UK PERMREPS OF ABOVE. YOU MAY
ALSO TELL LUNS THAT HE SHOULD EXPECT NO US PRESENTATION
ON OPTION III UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT FOR REASONS NOTED
ABOVE.

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